

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method comprises the steps of:  
collectively managing respective storage areas  
registered, which storage areas belong to storage  
5 apparatuses of servers connected with a  
communication network, respectively; allocating a  
one of the storage areas managed by the managing  
part, in response to an allocation request made by  
the server; and mounting the storage area of the  
10 storage apparatus allocated in response to a  
mounting request made by the server, and  
transmitting mounting information indicating this  
matter to the server as a response.